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Dr. Gail Wilensky is a Senior Fellow at Project HOPE, an international health education foundation, where she analyzes and develops policies relating to health reform and to ongoing changes in the medical marketplace.

She is a frequent expert witness before congressional committees, acts as an advisor to members of Congress and other elected officials, and speaks nationally and internationally before professional, business, and consumer groups. From 2001 to 2003, Dr. Wilensky co-chaired the President's Task Force to Improve Health Care Delivery for Our Nation's Veterans, which addressed health care for both veterans and military retirees. From 1997 to 2001, she chaired the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission, which advises Congress on payment and other issues relating to Medicare, and from 1995 to 1997, she chaired the Physician Payment Review Commission. She also served as Deputy Assistant for Policy Development to President George H.W. Bush, advising him on health and welfare issues. Prior to assuming this position, she served as Administrator of the Health Care Financing Administration, overseeing the Medicare and Medicaid programs.

Dr. Wilensky is an elected member of the Institute of Medicine, serves as a trustee of the Combined Benefits Fund of the United Mineworkers of America, as a Director of the American Heart Association, and is on the Advisory Board of the National Institute of Health Care Management. She is an advisor to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the Commonwealth Fund, Immediate Past Chair of the Board of Directors of Academy Health, and a director on several corporate boards. Dr. Wilensky is the recipient of numerous honorary degrees and awards and has published approximately 100 articles. She received her bachelor's degree in psychology and a Ph.D. in economics from the University of Michigan.